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TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE
September 13,2002 through December 23, 2002
 U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

<i>Quota Recipients</i>	<i>2001/2002 Quota, Metric Tons</i>	<i>2001/2002 Imports, Metric Tons</i>	<i>Percent of TRQ Used</i>
Argentina	10,750	1,523	14.2%
Brazil	80,200	14,029	17.5%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	1,074	10.7%
Guatemala	10,000	2,443	24.4%
Malawi	12,000	2,040	17.0%
Philippines	3,000	124	4.1%
Thailand	7,000	294	4.2%
Zimbabwe	12,000	681	5.7%
Residual 2/	3,000	2,524	84.1%
Total	150,700	24,732	16.4%

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first- come/first- served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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